

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated October 4, 2005. The claim amendments included herein are merely clarifying amendments and are not meant to change the intended scope of the claims. Thus, the amendments present the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal, and should be entered in due course. Moreover, the amendments are manifest, requiring only a cursory review by the Examiner, thereby providing additional ground for their entry.

Claims 1-3, 6-13, 15-19 and 21-27 were pending in the application. In the Office Action, claims 6-8, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 21-27 were allowed, claims 1, 3, 9, 11 and 17-19 were rejected and claim 2 was objected to. In this Amendment, claims 2, 3, 11 and 25-27 were amended and claims 1, 9 and 17-19 were cancelled. Claims 2, 3, 6-8, 10-13, 15, 16 and 21-27 thus remain for consideration.

Applicant submits that claims 2, 3, 6-8, 10-13, 15, 16 and 21-27 are in condition for allowance and requests withdrawal of the rejections in light of the following remarks.

Claims 25-27

Claims 25-27 were amended to clarify the subject matter of the present invention.

§ 102 Rejection

Claims 1, 3, 9, 11 and 17-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Levy (US Patent Number 5,197,168).

Applicant has cancelled claims 1, 9 and 17-19, therefore, the above rejection is considered moot.

Please note, Applicant has amended claims 3 and 11 to depend from allowed claims 2.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks Examiner for allowing claim 6-8, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 21-27.

Examiner stated that claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 2 has been so amended and therefore should be allowed.

Claim 3 depends on claim 2. Since claim 2 is believed to be allowable, claim 3 is believed to be allowable on the basis of its dependency on claim 2.

Claim 11 depends on claim 10. Since claim 10 is believed to be allowable, claim 11 is believed to be allowable on the basis of its dependency on claim 10.

CONCLUSION

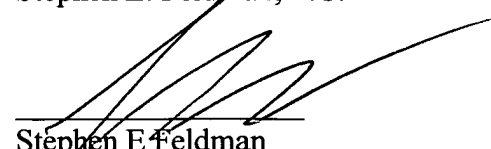
Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 06-0515.

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